

REMARKS

As a preliminary matter, Applicant thanks the Examiner for his continued indication that claims 1-6 are allowed.

Claims 7-9 and 13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being anticipated by Fujino et al. (U.S. Publication No. 2003/0043126). In response, Applicant cancels claims 7-9 and 13 to accept the allowable subject matter recited in claims 1-6. Accordingly, the rejection of claims 7-9 and 13 is rendered moot.

For all of the above reasons, Applicant requests reconsideration and allowance of the claimed invention. The Examiner should contact Applicant's undersigned attorney if a telephone conference would expedite prosecution.

If a Petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for response is required to make the attached response timely, it is hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for response in the above-identified application for the period required to make the attached response timely. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fees which may be required to this application under

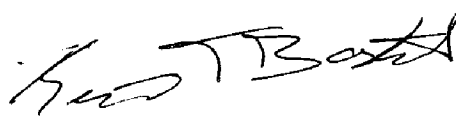
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